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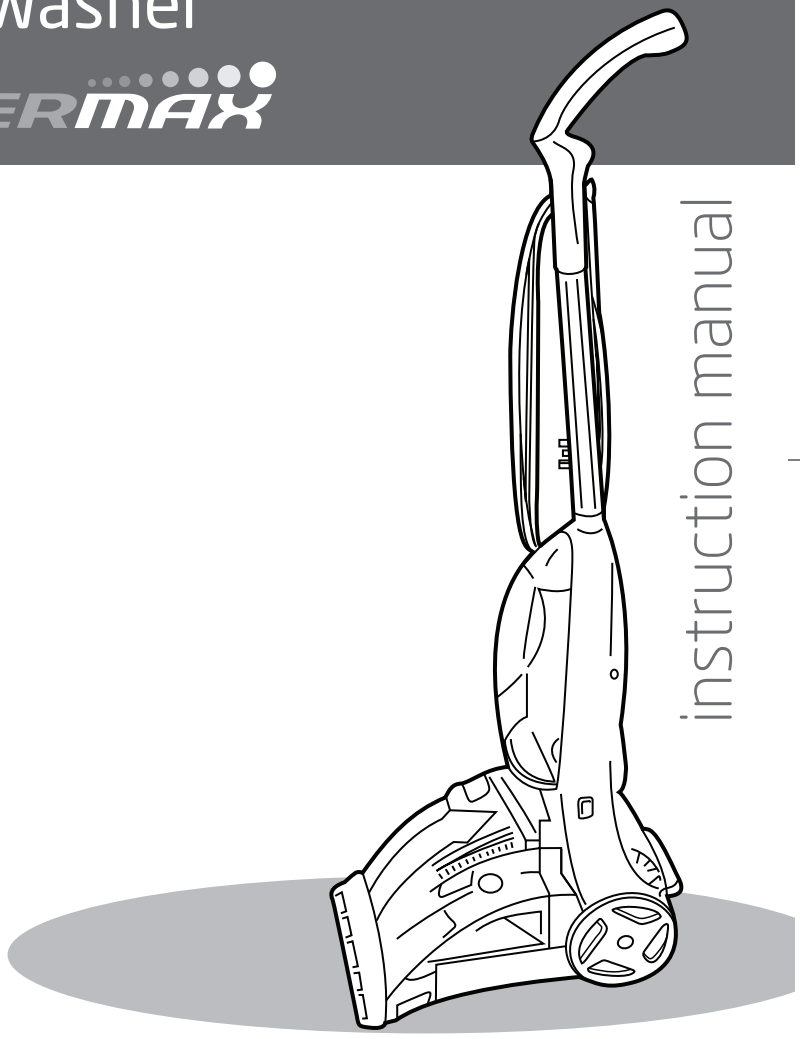
Carpet Washer

POWERMAX

Vax model number:
VRS5W



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Please read carefully before using this cleaner.
Always fully extend the mains cable before use.
Retain for future reference.

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1. Diagram

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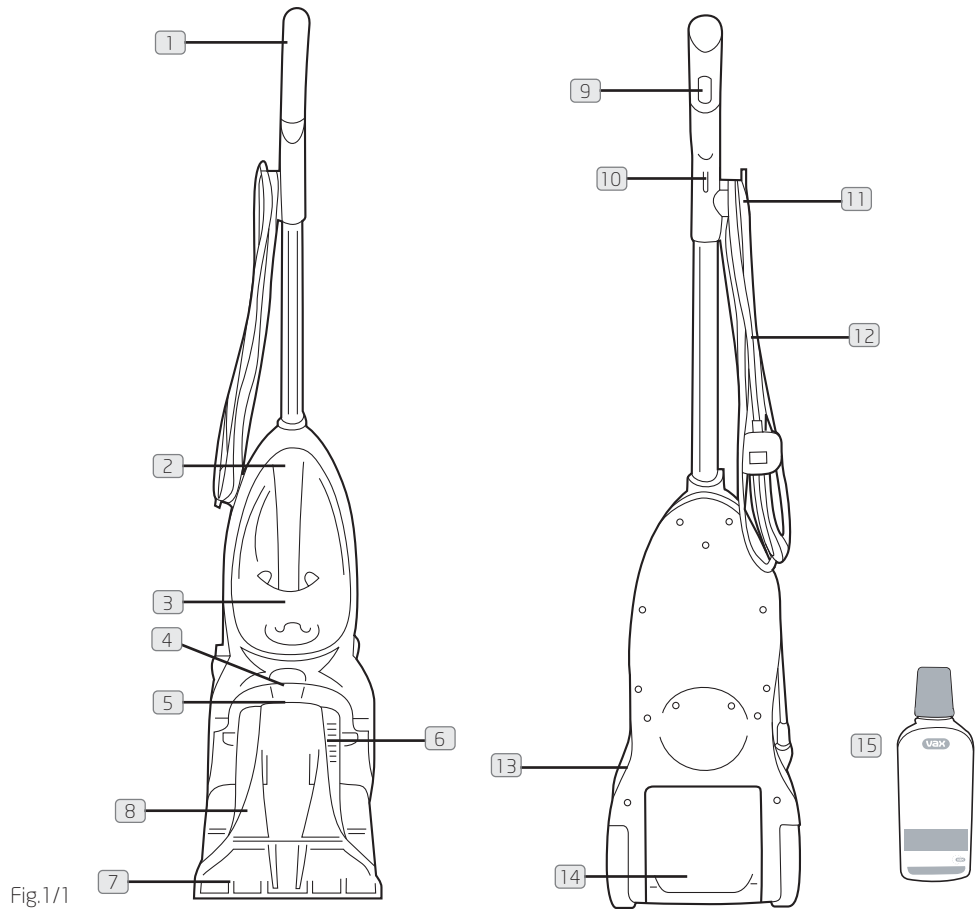

Fig.1/1

1. Handle
2. Clean water tank release button
3. Clean water tank
4. Dirty water tank release latch
5. Dirty water tank handle
6. Exhaust filter
7. Brushbar (hidden)
8. Dirty water tank
9. Solution release trigger
10. Cord safety hook
11. Cord wrap
12. Cord
13. On/off button
14. Recline pedal
15. Vax carpet cleaning solution

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2. Safety Information

FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

When using the carpet washer, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Do not leave the carpet washer unattended when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
2. To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors.
3. Not to be used as a toy. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
4. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
5. Use only as described in this manual.
6. Do not use the carpet washer if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use the carpet washer with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or a recommended Service Agent to avoid hazard and invalidating the guarantee.
7. Do not pull or carry by cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the carpet washer over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
8. Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
9. Do not handle the plug or carpet washer with wet hands.
10. Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
11. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
12. Do not use the carpet washer on any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
13. Do not use without the solution tank and dirty water tank in place.
14. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
15. Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they may be present.
16. Keep the unit on the floor.
17. Do not use an extension cord.
18. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
19. Store indoors put away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
20. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
21. A hazard may occur if the carpet washer runs over the power supply cord.
22. To prevent dirty water from running into the motor, do not hold the appliance upside-down or lay on its side. Use appliance in normal cleaning position.
23. Take extra care when cleaning on stairs.
24. Do not carry appliance while motor is running.

WARNING: Always switch off and unplug your machine from the electrical outlet before filling the clean water tank, emptying the dirty water tank, before assembling, opening, before connecting/ disconnecting the attachments, or carrying out maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

NOTE: Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.

IMPORTANT: Cleaning filters maintains cleaning performance. Vax recommends that your filters should be checked and cleaned periodically. If your filters are washable make sure they are completely dry before inserting back into the machine.

This machine is intended for household use only, and NOT for commercial or industrial use.

PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.

Motor Thermostat

IMPORTANT: The motor is equipped with a thermal cut-out. If for any reason, the vacuum cleaner should over-heat, the thermostat will automatically turn the unit off. Should this occur, unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet and turn off the switch. Remove the dirt container and empty. Clean the filters. Allow the cleaner to cool for approximately one (1) hour. To re-start, plug into an electrical outlet and switch back on.

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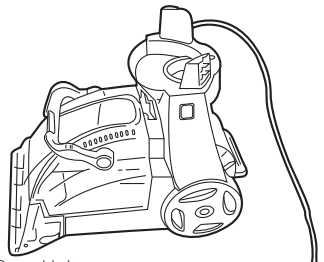
3. How to Assemble

⚠ Use a crosshead screwdriver ⊗

Components



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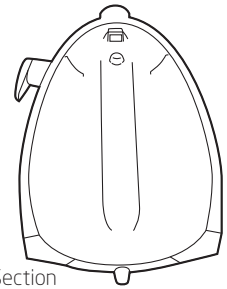

Fig.3/2 - Mid-Section

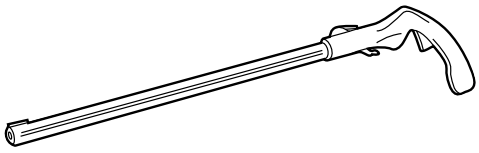

Fig.3/3 - Handle

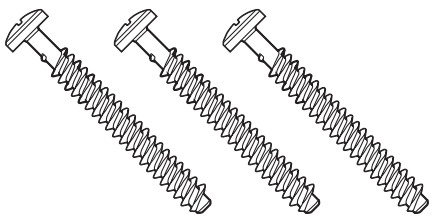

Fig.3/4 - 3 Screws

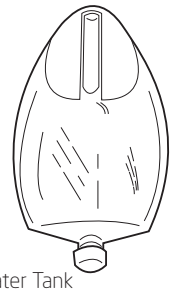

Fig.3/5 - Clean Water Tank

Assembly

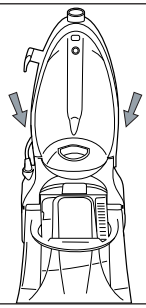

Fig.3/6

Line up mid-section with base unit and slot into place (Fig 3/6).

Insert handle into mid-section ensuring that the solution trigger is at the back of the machine and the screw hole in the handle is lined up with the screw hole in the mid-section (Fig 3/7).

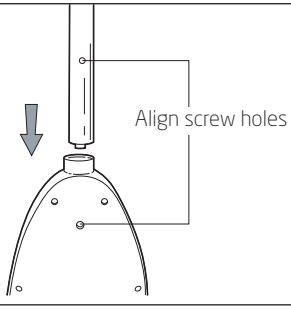

Fig.3/7

Insert and tighten (Fig 3/8).

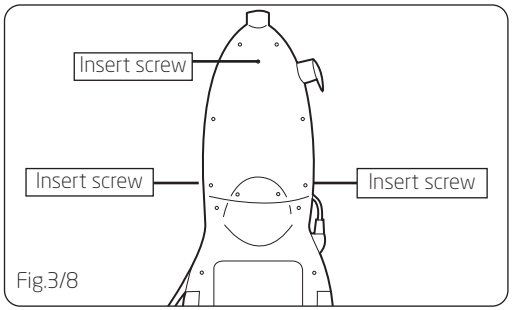

Fig.3/8

Twist cord holder until it is facing upwards (Fig 3/9).

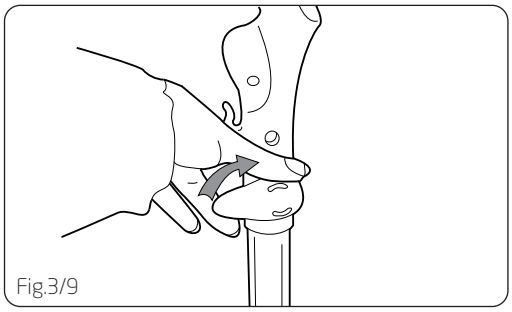
Fig.3/9

Finally, insert clean water tank to fully assemble machine (Fig 3/10).

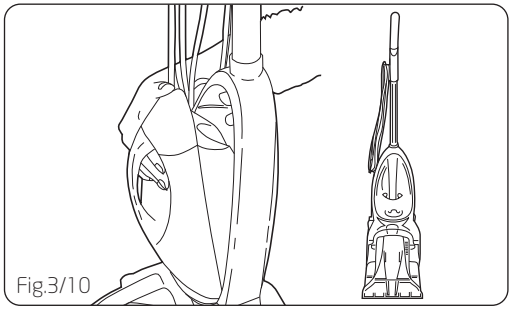
Fig.3/10

4. Before cleaning

IMPORTANT: Do not use the carpet washer as a dry vacuum.

1. Vacuum carpet thoroughly. Use a vacuum cleaner with a rotating brushbar for best results.
2. Remove as much furniture from the room as possible. If unable to remove the furniture, place plastic or foil under and around the legs until the carpet has dried completely.

Helpful hints for cleaning carpets:

IMPORTANT: Only use Vax carpet cleaning solution. Using other solutions may cause excess foaming. Excessive foam will prevent the machine from working effectively. Using other solutions will invalidate the guarantee.

1. Do not saturate carpet with cleaning solution while using the carpet washer.
2. For heavily soiled areas, additional applications may be necessary.
3. Allow plenty of time to dry carpet thoroughly.
4. Wipe cleaning solution from woodwork and wood to prevent any damage.
5. Try not to walk on carpet until it is completely dry.
6. After carpet is thoroughly dry, vacuum the carpet using a vacuum cleaner with a rotating brushbar.
7. Before cleaning, determine where to start and end, making sure not to walk over previously cleaned areas.

Check for colour fastness:

Before cleaning carpet, test for colour fastness. Dampen a white cloth with solution. In a small hidden area of your carpet, gently rub the cloth over the area. Check each colour for colour bleeding. If the cloth remains clean, it should be safe to clean the carpet.

After cleaning:

- Allow carpet to dry completely. Try not to walk on the carpet until it is dry.
- If it is necessary to walk on the carpet, place white towels on the areas to be walked on.
- If the carpet is not dry and the furniture must be placed back in the room, use plastic or foil under the furniture to prevent staining the carpet.
- Thoroughly clean the dirty water tank with warm (max 40°C) tap water.

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5. Preparing the Machine

Hold the handle of the clean water tank and press 'PULL TO RELEASE'. Tilt Clean Water Tank away from the carpet washer and remove (Fig 5/1).

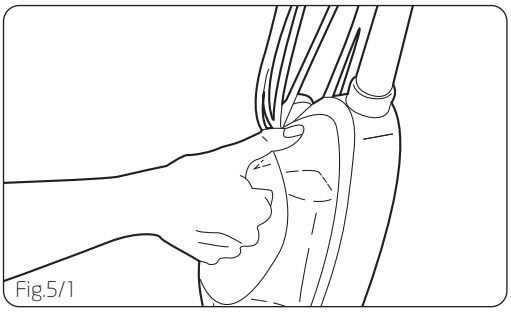

Fig.5/1

Unscrew the measuring cap from the reverse side of the clean water tank. Fill measuring cap with solution (Use only 1 capful of solution per full tank). Pour into clean water tank (Fig 5/2).

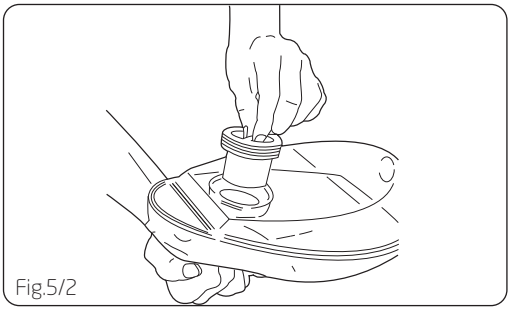

Fig.5/2

Fill remainder of clean water tank with warm (max 40°C) tap water. Replace cap (Fig 5/3).

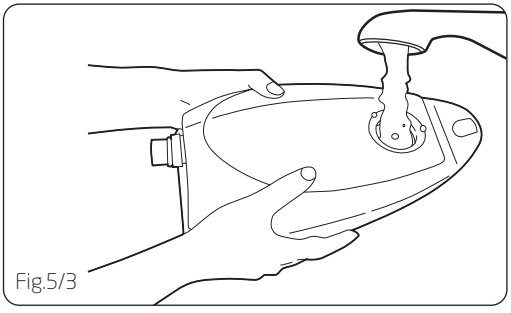

Fig.5/3

Place bottom of clean water tank into carpet washer and push back until it locks into place (Fig 5/4).

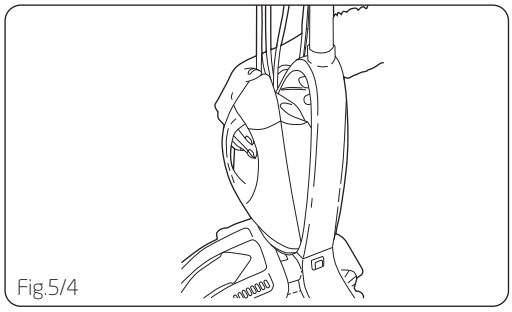

Fig.5/4

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6. Usage

Plug cord into electrical socket. Turn on the machine by using the on/off switch located on the side of the machine.

IMPORTANT: Never leave unit unattended with power on. Turn off when emptying and filling tanks. Do not saturate the carpet

Step onto unit recline pedal to put the machine into cleaning position (Fig.6/1).

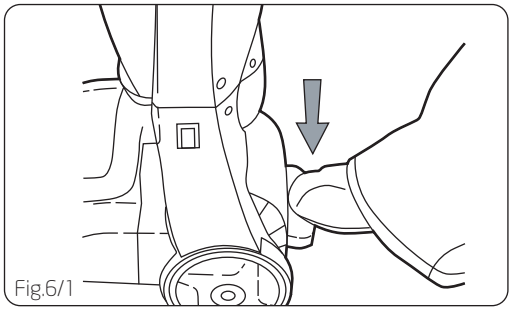


Fig.6/1

For the best results, press the solution spray trigger and push the carpet washer in a forward motion. Release the trigger and pull the unit backwards in the same path to agitate and remove dirty water and solution from the carpet. (For more heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary.)

IMPORTANT: For best cleaning results use a steady, moderate, forward and backward motion. Always work from back to front across the room to avoid stepping on wet carpet and lowering the pile.

When dirty water tank is full, lift dirty water tank latch and remove from base unit using the handle (Fig.6/2).

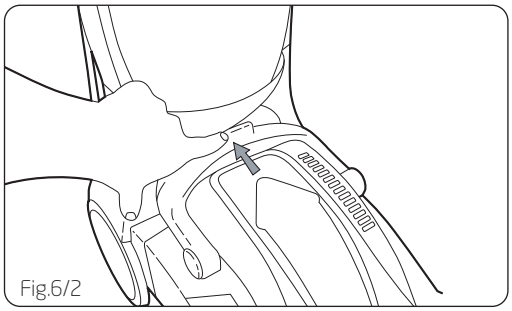


Fig.6/2

Twist dirty water tank outlet cap to the left and remove, empty, rinse and replace (Fig.6/3).

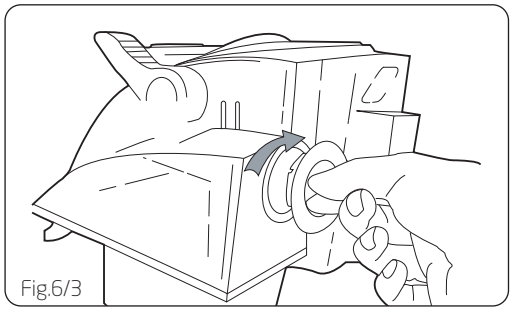
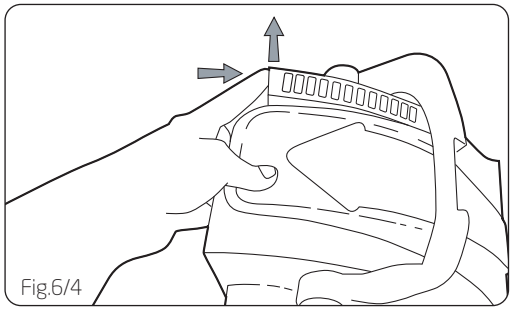


Fig.6/3

When cleaning has finished remove the dirty water tank, rinse with warm water and allow it to dry before storage. Also remove filter (as shown) rinse with warm water (max 40˚C) and allow it to dry thoroughly before storing.



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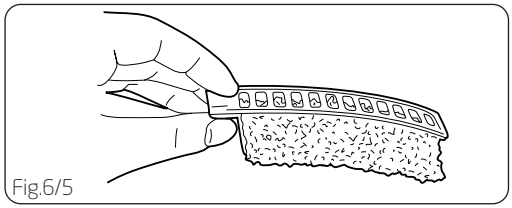

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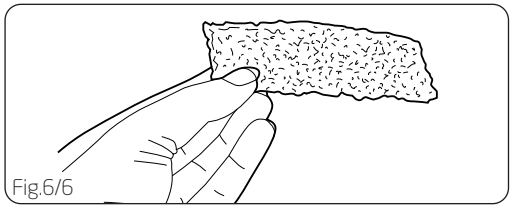

Fig.6/6

IMPORTANT: Do not use any chemicals when cleaning.

NOTE: Do not store cleaner with solution in clean water tank or dirty water in dirty water tank. Mineral deposits and mildew can form with will affect the performance of the carpet washer.

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7. Troubleshooting

⚠ WARNING: To reduce risk of personal injury, unplug carpet washer before servicing.

Problem: The carpet washer won't run

Cause:	Not properly plugged into electrical outlet.
Solution:	Plug in firmly.
Cause:	No electricity in electrical outlet.
Solution:	Check fuse or breaker.
Cause:	On/off switch not turned on.
Solution:	Push on/off switch to 'on'.
Cause:	Blown fuse/tripped breaker.
Solution:	Reset circuit breaker or replace fuse.

8. UK Service & Help

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Monday-Friday	8.30am to 6.30pm
Saturday and Sunday	9.00am to 5.00pm

If you have queries or concerns about using your Vax, call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the UK local rate. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the vacuum cleaner before calling. For the nearest Service Agent, please call the Vax Careline or visit **vax.co.uk**

9. Consumables

To purchase spares and accessories, please visit **vax.co.uk**

Filter kit (1-1-130680-00)

10. Technical Specification

Voltage:	220 ~ 240V 50Hz
Wattage:	500W
Clean water tank:	2.1 litres
Dirty water tank:	1.7 litres
Cord length:	5.9m
Weight:	5.6kg

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Safety: 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive
EMC: 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive

Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.

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